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NON COMPLETION OF POWER PROJECTS IN JHARKHAND
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the power plants in Jharkhand are lagging behind their stipulated time schedule;

(b) the details of cost increased due to this undue delay, plant-wise;

(c) whether the Government have held any officer responsible for this undue delay; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA)

(a) to (d) : As on date no power project is under execution in the State of Jharkhand. Tenughat Thermal Power Project St.II (3x210 MW) to be executed by Tenughat Vidyut Nigam Ltd. (TVNL) was sanctioned by Planning Commission in February, 1989 at an estimated cost of Rs.669.10 crore for implementation during 7th Five Year Plan. However, the project could not be taken up for want of resources so far.

As the project implementation had been delayed considerably and Techno- Economic Clearance (TEC) was accorded in May, 1987, fresh Detailed Project Report(DPR) was asked for, which was submitted to Central Electricity Authority (CEA) byTVNL in August/September, 2002. CEA however, intimated TVNL in October, 2002that in view of non-tying up/furnishing of certain inputs/clearances, DPR cannot beprocessed. TVNL have been requested to submit revised Detailed Project Report aftertying up of all the inputs/clearances.

However, TVNL in the meantime have intimated that in view of recentcircular of Government of India, the Generating Companies where tariff is fixed by Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (CERC) or State Electricity Regulatory Commission (SERC) and the estimated cost of the project is below Rs.2,500 crore, techno-economic clearance of CEA is not required. Ministry of Energy, Government of Jharkhand have, therefore, decided to get the project executed on turnkey basis from Bharat Heavy Elecricals Ltd. (BHEL). BHEL have already submitted their proposal to TVNL, Ranchi which is under scrutiny by TVNL authorities/their consultant.